

Republican Convention Will Go Down in History as Whiskerless

"The national Republican convention of 1908," said Perry Heath, formerly assistant postmaster general, "will be known undoubtedly as the whiskerless convention."

Mr. Heath was right. Looking over the convention while assembled in the Chicago Coliseum, one was surprised to find so few men with hirsute adornment. In the whole national committee there were only five, and they affected, with one exception, not the full beard, but a sort of goatee growth that they smoothed with a lingering fondness. In the convention itself there were not more than thirty of the delegates who had brought their whiskers with them.

"That man back there," remarked Thomas F. Shipp, who is connected with the forestry service in Washington and who hails from Indiana, "reminds me of the story of the man on the train who announced his ability to tell by the appearance alone the state whence every male passenger came. He walked up to a man who was well dressed and said to him, 'You are from New York.' 'Right,' was the reply. A tall, lanky passenger was in the next seat. 'You are from Vermont.' 'Well, I swan,' was the astonished answer. The seer proceeded from passenger to passenger, correctly designating the state of his residence, and finally came to a fellow who was humped up on a seat, with ginger whiskers, a slouch hat and wearing rawhide boots covered with mud. 'Let me see,' he said; 'you come from Indiana.' 'Wrong there, partner,' was the response. 'Probably I fooled you because I have just passed through a heavy spell of yellow jaundice.'"

Wisconsin's Headquarters.

A refreshment emporium just opposite the Coliseum had a strip of canvas above its threshold declaring that it was Wisconsin's headquarters. "Born in Wisconsin?" asked a delegate from the northern state of the white aproned proprietor, who busily motored foaming glasses across the bar.

"Nope," replied the thirst allaying personage. "I was born in Kentucky."

"Then why this declaration of allegiance to Wisconsin?"

"Well, what could a fellow do when Kentucky romped into the white ribbon brigade?" came the explanatory query. "I once ketched a fish up in one of them Wisconsin lakes, and I know every fisherman likes good 'bait.' Me for the 'wet crowd.'"

A Miscalculation.

"Boost" seemed to be the motto among Chicago cabmen during the convention. Besides driving the trusting stranger several times around the same block, with the fell design of making him believe that he had ridden for miles, they had not the slightest timidity in saying "Three dollars" in the most matter of fact way.

Colonel Pete Hepburn got in a cab the other day and drove five blocks. When he descended he asked the fare. "Two dollars," was the answer. "What for?" asked "Uncle Pete."

"A dollar for the distance and a dollar for the time," answered the cabby.

"My time isn't worth a penny around here," answered the Iowa states-

man, and he gave cabby four quarters.

Just a Mistake.

W. page had a telegram for Jonah Kildaniannale, the delegate from Hawaii, and he went about the lobby giving vent to this or that name for some minute. The first time it was called the buzz of conversation perceptibly diminished and in a few moments "ceased altogether, while the page still repeated the chant. One of the delegates from the west was dozing in his lounge corner, but suddenly awoke with a start and said: "What's that boy saying? I thought it was some of these Chicago students giving their college yell."

Parade Led by Baby Elephant.

A baby elephant that the James G. Blaine Marching club of Cleveland took to Chicago to head its procession broke into the rear of a bakery while waiting in an alley to take part in the parade and was making prodigious strides toward cleaning out the pie-department before his keepers could drive him out of the shop. The baker has been trying to collect for the pies and other edibles appropriated by the elephant.

A Woman Delegate.

For the first time in the history of national conventions a woman had a place among the regular delegates to the Republican national convention. She is Mrs. Lucy A. Clark of Utah and attracted more attention than any other one delegate. There were several women among the alternates.

An Old Time Usher.

One of the ushers in the convention was Peter M. Baker, who was an usher in the Wigwam convention of 1890, at which Abraham Lincoln was nominated. He is seventy-one and a prominent Norwegian-American citizen.

New Books at Library

The following books have been received at the public library and will be ready for circulation tomorrow morning:

The Californians—Mrs. G. F. Atherton.

The Intoxicated Ghost—Arlo Bates.

Cassell's Book of Quotations—W. G. Benham.

Encyclopedia of Social Reform—W. D. P. Bliss.

Personalism—B. P. Bowne.

Four Victorian Poets—S. A. Brooks.

Tennyson, His Art and Relation to Modern Life.

"Short Sixes"—H. C. Bunner.

Discoveries in Crete and Their Bearing on the History of Ancient Civilization—R. M. Burrows.

Student's Roman Empire—J. R. Bury.

A King and a Few Dukes—R. W. Chambers.

The Conjure Woman—C. W. Chestnut.

The Old Campeador—H. B. Clarke.

To the Top of the Continent—F. A. Cook.

Augustus Saint-Gaudens—Royal Cortissoz.

Modern Egypt—E. B. Cromer.

The Mongols—Jeremiah Curtin.

Jack—Alphonse Daudet.

Vera, the Medium—R. H. Davis.

R. B.'s Mother—Mrs. M. W. Deland.

Principles of Secondary Education—Charles De Garmo.

The Grey Knight—E. B. De La Pasture.

History of American Music—S. C. Elson.

Practical Bridge—J. B. Elwell.

Augustus Caesar—J. B. Firth.

Jack of the Bushveld—Sir J. P. Fitzpatrick.

The New Glutton or Epicure—Horace Fletcher.

Four is Mystery.

Strips Talks on Business—William Gamble.

Eng's Room Chemistry—A. H. Gill.

The Life of Man—Karl Groos.

Legends of the Middle Ages—H. A. Guerber.

His First Leave—Mrs. L. A. Harker.

Comedies and Errors—Henry Harland.

Gray F.

My Life—Cleeve—P. J. Hartley.

Love's Logic—A. H. Hawkins.

Education by Plays and Games—G. E. Johnson.

A Short History of Ireland—P. W. Joyce.

The Man of Yesterday—Mrs. M. H. Kinkaid.

Year Book of Famous Lyrics—F. L. Knowles.

The Husbands of Edith—G. B. McCutcheon.

Prolongation of Life—J. J. Mechnikov.

City of Delight—E. J. Miller.

Men Who Sell Things—W. D. Moody.

From Van Dweller to Commuter—A. B. Paine.

Life of Alice Freeman Palmer—G. H. Palmer.

A Walking Gentleman—James Prior.

Quickened—A. C. Ray.

The Shell Book—J. E. Rogers.

Human Bullets—T. Sakurai.

Christmas, Its Origin, Celebration and Significance—R. H. Schaffner.

The Princess Dehra—J. R. Scott.

Roman Poet of the Augustan Age—W. Y. Sell.

John Wycliff—Lewis Sergeant.

Life in the Homeric Age—T. D. Seymour.

Russia as Seen and Described by Great Writers—Esther Singleton.

The Metallurgy of Iron and Steel—Bradley Stoughton.

Short History of Social Life in England—M. B. Synge.

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Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June A. D. 1908, in the city of Rock Island, Ill., for the purpose of electing two members of the board of education of Rock Island school district. The polling place for said election will be at Frick's livery stable, 1912 Third avenue. Which election will be opened at 8 o'clock in the morning and continue open until 7 o'clock in the afternoon of that day. The judges and clerks of election residing in the first precincts of the Fourth ward will be the judges and clerks for this election.

H. C. SCHAEFFER, Mayor.

Rock Island, Ill., June 20, 1908.

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